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Subject: Tidelines Institute Grant Application to M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing you this letter of support for Tidelines Institute's grant application. In a town comprised of just about 500 year-round residents, Gustavus is fortunate to be the home base for this nonprofit organization.

With a wide age demographic, Gustavus has flourished in providing local community events for the young and old but often lacks engagement with our teenage/young adult population. With the recent Gap Year program, Community Curiosity series, and Good River Campus construction, Tideline's Institute has dedicated much passion and thoughtfulness into connecting with Gustavus' youth.

The addition of an educational building would be a great boon towards these efforts in that it would allow Tidelines' educators and staff to better serve the community. In 2020, The City of Gustavus awarded from the Endowment Fund Grant, \$38,316 to Tidelines Institute to be put towards the new educational building.

As Mayor, the education and engagement that Tidelines Institute offers is critical to the function of the community. I believe that their work is invaluable, and I cannot endorse their worthiness for this grant opportunity any stronger. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brittney Cannamore, Mayor